

**STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY DEPUTY MAURICE FRANCIS DUBRAS,  
PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

On 5th November 2002, the former Public Services Committee lodged au Greffe a report and proposition, (P.200/2002), for the sale by the public of a small area of land surrounding Le Talus, La Rue du Nord, St. John, to Mrs. Daphne Tomes for the sum of £10 and the purchase on behalf of the public from her of an area of land at Fremont Headland, St. John, also for £10. The States adopted the proposition of the former Public Services Committee on 10th December 2002.

It has been discovered that a genuine error, the responsibility for which is accepted by the Department of Property Services, had been made in the interpretation of land ownerships, in that part of the land proposed to be sold is not within the ownership of the public and therefore the land transaction cannot proceed in its present form.

The former Public Services Committee, in asking the States to agree the proposition, acted in good faith and obviously the error is regretted. The States will in due course be asked to rescind their Act of 10th December 2002, but discussions are currently taking place with those representing Mrs. Tomes in respect of a revised proposal for the land transaction which, if agreement can be reached, will be brought back to the States for its consideration at a future date.